State Document Periodicals

GA
N200. P5
S1
P2
1976
Vol. 2/no. 5

Parks and Recreation In Georgia

VOL. 2 NO. 5 THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES APRIL-MAY-JUNE, 1976

OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

RECREATION PLANNING SECTION

CITY/COUNTY RECREATION STUDY UPDATED

By: W. Tom Martin, Jr.

The 1975-76 survey of city/county recreation and park services in Georgia has been completed by the Recreation Planning Section of the Department of Natural Resources. A return of 95% was realized of the survey forms mailed out with a total of 105 responses. Agencies involved in the survey included existing full-time, year-round recreation and park agencies at the city and/or county government level. The survey period was January – February, 1976.

Information contained in the survey included such items as: operating budget and sources of income; capital improvement budget and designated projects, budget year; department organization (city or county or city/county); administrator salary; and administrator travel reimbursement.

The results of the survey were tabulated into categories based on the population of the service area of the responding agencies. For example, the categories used were: (1) 15,000 & under, (2) 15,001-25,000, (3) 25,001-50,000, (4) 50,001-100,000, and (5) 100,000 and over.

Since the agencies were almost evenly divided on the time of their operating year, at the time the survey was conducted, one-half were in the middle of their fiscal year while the other half were just beginning a new year.

Operating Budgets

Operational budgets as defined in the survey include the expense necessary to carry on the functions of the agency on a year to year basis such as personnel, supplies and materials, maintenance, etc. The per capita expenditure was arrived at by dividing the total operating budget by the population. The results are shown below.

	No. of Agencies	Population	Operating Budget	Average	Per Capita
15,000 & Under	43	380,357	$ 2,816,487	$ 65,500	$7.40
15,001-25,000	29	587,063	4,088,255	145,974	6.96
25,001-50,000	15	522,501	3,247,374	216,491	6.22
50,001-100,000	9	612,207	3,876,712	430,746	6.33
Over 100,000	9	2,055,341	19,558,802	2,173,200	9.52
Statewide	105	4,157,469	$33,587,630	$ 319,882	$8.08

The source of monies which make up local recreation and park operational budgets come from a variety of sources. Based on the survey responses, the following sources were noted: General Fund (88%); Revenue Sharing (2%), State Funds (1%); other Federal Funds (3%), Charges and Fees (5%); Contributions and Gifts (.5%); and other (.5%).

THE RECREATION PLANNING SECTION, DNR, WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE RECREATION PROFESSIONALS IN THE STATE WHO FILLED OUT THE SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON.

It should be noted that the present average per capita expenditure for the state is $8.08 which is an increase over the amount reported in the 1974-75 survey. In addition, it should be noted that the existing full-time park and recreation systems presently make their services available to more than 85% of Georgia's citizens.

Capital Improvements

Expenditures for capital improvements included primarily one-time projects which would not reoccur each fiscal year such as the acquisition of property, construction of facilities, purchase of major equipment items, and the like. While each agency did not report expenditures in this category, the following were noted:

	No. of Agencies	Total Expenditures	Average
15,000 & Under	28	$ 1,936,352	$ 69,155
15,001 – 25,000	23	1,865,399	81,104
25,001 – 50,000	6	1,493,000	248,833
50,001 – 100,000	6	1,024,000	170,667
Over 100,000	9	6,861,062	762,340
Statewide	72	$13,179,813	$183,052

The source of funds for the capital improvements included local funds in most instances matched with federal funds. The local funds were derived from the general fund, past bond issues, revenue sharing, and gifts and donations. The federal share came primarily from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and from Community Development.

The majority of capital improvement projects concerned themselves with park development as opposed to acquisition.

Administrator Salary

In almost each of the survey categories the average salary for the agency administrator was slightly higher than last year except in the 15,000 & under where the average was below the previous survey. This is perhaps due in part to a 34% increase in the number of agencies reporting in that category.

The results of this portion of the survey showed the following:

	No. of Agencies	Maximum Salary	Minimum Salary	Average Salary
15,000 & Under	41	$15,500	$ 7,236	$10,931
15,001 – 25,000	29	$18,100	$ 7,500	$12,829
25,001 – 50,000	15	$17,846	$10,000	$13,721
50,000 – 100,000	9	$23,112	$ 9,800	$15,310
Over 100,000	9	$25,636	$15,200	$20,548
Statewide	103	$25,636	$ 7,236	$13,095

Additionally, it should be indicated that of the 103 administrators, 72 are provided with a government vehicle, 22 utilize their own vehicle under a reimbursement schedule, and nine are neither provided a vehicle nor reimbursed for use of their personal vehicle.

Organization

Responses to the survey questionnaire indicated a continued emphasis on recreation and park services by county government.

Forty agencies indicated they were entirely a city function while 24 responded as strictly a county function. However, 41 pointed to a joint city/county relationship. Within the last two years approximately 85% of the 20 or more new systems established, the county has played a signigicant role either as a cosponsor or as the single sponsor.

Dennis Lovell, Chief Naturalist, (on right) explains program to Mike McGee.

STATE PARKS PLAN SUMMER CALANDER

The upcoming "Summer of 76" should prove to be an outstanding one for Georgians who wish to take advantage of the excellent programs being offered in our state park system. The Recreation and Interpretive Programming Section of the State Parks and Historic Sites Division of DNR has once again planned an impressive array of programs which will be available to visitors to our state parks throughout the state. These programs are designed to give the visitor a better understanding of why the park or historic site was developed and to enhance anyone's visit to these areas.

Seasonal Interpreters will be assigned to 16 parks and historic sites during the summer. It will be their responsibility to plan and direct organized activities on a scheduled basis at the sites to include such activities as walks, lectures, demonstrations, films, and other interpretive activities in keeping with the natural or cultural feature found on the site. The interpreters have been assigned to the following sites: Cloudland Canyon, Elijah Clark, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Hard Labor Creek, Panola Mountain, Providence Canyon, Skidway Island, Stephen C. Foster, Tugaloo, Vogel, Fort McAllister, Richmond Hill, Etowah Mounds, Jarrell Plantation, New Echota, and Travelers Rest.

Two historically based dramas are scheduled to be presented at various state parks again this summer. These two excellent productions, TOKALITTA (which is based on the theme of General Oglethorpe and Georgia's first colonists at Savannah) and THE VIGIL (which centers around the legendary figure, Nancy Hart, and the revolutionary days around Augusta), will be performed 48 times during the months of June through September. There is no charge for the dramas, which will be performed by DeKalb College drama students. Interested visitors should contact their nearest local state park for schedules of times and places.

There will be six weekends of special interpretive programs conducted on six parks where seasonal interpretive personnel are not regularly assigned. These activities will take place on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays and have been scheduled for the following parks: Seminole, Fort Yargo, and Black Rock Mountain.

Three statewide special events have been scheduled which are sure to attract the attention of many people throughout the state. These include the following: "Orienteering Competition", July 9-11, at Hard Labor Creek, "Pioneer Living", July 23-25, at Tugaloo State Park; and "Wilderness Experience", August 6-8, at Cloudland Canyon State Park.

These are just a few of the many programs which will be offered to visitors to our state parks this year. The Recreation and Interpretive Programming Section is making this Bi-Centennial season a memorable one, and all Georgian's should take advantage of it.

SENIOR CITIZENS GO TO CAMP

Georgia's senior adults will be provided with a camping opportunity again this year at Will-A-Way Recreation Area at Ft. Yargo State Park. The camping experience is being coordinated by the Senior Citizens Committee of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society, Inc. Dates for this year's camp are August 16-19 (Session I) and August 23-26 (Session II), and the registration fee for one four-day session will be $15.00 per camper. This fee will include meals, lodging, insurance, supplies and materials. The camp will be well staffed by members of the Committee. For further information contact: Miss Gale Peterson, Glynn County Parks and Recreation Dept., P.O. Box 1767, St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522. Telephone: (912) 264-1041.

STATE PARKS BEING STUDIED

Mariann Soulek, NRPA Intern, who is participating in a Post-Masters Degree Internship Program in Therapeutic Recreation Consultation with the Department of Natural Resources, is presently involved in a project to determine the accessibility of certain state parks to the physically limited. Ms. Soulek is in the process of visiting nine of Georgia's state parks which are located throughout the state and will be compiling comprehensive reports on each relative to their being accessible to and usable by the physically handicapped. The reports will be considered by the staff of the State Parks and Historic Sites Division for possible adaptations which might be indicated. Mr. Lonice Barrett, Chief of Interpretive Programming for the State Parks Division, was instrumental in coordinating the study program.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN AT THE FIRST ANNUAL MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP HELD AT ROCK EAGLE

The first Annual Southeast Region Parks and Recreation Maintenance Operations workshop was held March 2-4 at Rock Eagle State 4-H Center. Nearly 100 delegates from throughout the southeast attended the workshop which was sponsored by the Department of Natural Resources, National Recreation and Park Association, Georgia Recreation and Park Society, and Georgia State University.

The focus of the workshop was on how to solve day-to-day maintenance problems as opposed to a management of workers approach. Sessions were conducted on such topics as small building design and construction, erosion control, safety and maintenance of swimming pools, maintenance programming, vandal proofing, surfacing, lighting, tree selection and care, etc.

Keynote speakers included: Jim Hadaway, Executive Director, Memphis Park Commission, talking on motivation, Dr. Glenn Burton, Research Geneticist, University of Georgia College of Agriculture, speaking on Turf Grasses; and Dr. Bill Self, Pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, who gave the closing luncheon address.

OUTDOOR SKILLS WORKSHOP A SUCCESS

The outdoor section of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society held its first outdoor skills workshop on March 18 and 19. The workshop was held at the FFA /FHA camp on Lake Jackson near Covington. Thirty-seven people participated in the workshop which consisted of sessions on orienteering, outdoor survival, and environmental protection.

The instructors for the workshop were from the Department of Natural Resources, Game and Fish Division, Outdoor Education Section. Jim Graham was the instructor for the session on outdoor survival and Vickie Becker and Cliff McGuaghey were the instructors for the session on orienteering and environmental protection.

Plans are now being made to hold a similar workshop next year. Larry Hodges, chairman of the outdoor section is interested in receiving comments from professionals from across the state on what subjects to teach in future outdoor skills workshops. Please send your suggestions to him at 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Mrs. Adams receives award from Director Henry Struble.

MRS. LOU ADAMS HONORED

Mrs. Lou Adams, a life-long resident of Atlanta, recently received her 20 year service pin from the State of Georgia. Mrs. Adams has been employed by the State for the past 21 years. Her first three years were spent with the Board of Corrections, and for the past 18 years, she has been with the State Parks and Historic Sites Division of DNR. In 1973, Mrs. Adams was voted the "Most Valuable General Office Employee" by the State Park Superintendents. She is married to T. S. Adams, and they have two sons, Mathew and Shannon, and two grandchildren, Tim and Steve.

STATE PARKS DIVISION ANNOUNCES CHANGES

Henry D. Struble, Director of DNR's Parks and Historic Sites Division, recently announced the following changes within the Division. Effective April 16, 1976, Bill Marx will be promoted to the position of Chief of the Division's newly created operations section based in Atlanta. Marx was formerly Superintendent of Unicoi State Park near Helen, Georgia.

Glenn Suggs, the Unicoi Business Manager, will become the new Unicoi Superintendent, and Jeff Naugle is to be Chief of the new Maintenance and Construction Section of the Parks and Historic Sites Division.

DNR Commissioner, Joe D. Tanner, praised both Marx and Naugle for their excellent work with the Department over the past years, and stated that he was particularly pleased with the calibre of leadership which these personnel actions would bring to the Division.

FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAM

Thirteen Parks and Historic Sites Division staff members recently completed a 40 hour first aid training program held at Vogel State Park.

The four day program, taught by Sam Martin of the Georgia Forestry Commission, included intensive training in the basic techniques of first aid.

Those undergoing the training included Todd Smith, Jimmy Bond, Henry Jackson, Tom Winkler, Herman Channel, Pate Bridges, Norman Myers, Wyatt Clark, Charles Cobb, Jake Thompson, Billy Williams, J. T. White and Ron Sharpless.

INTERN ORIENTATION DAY

The Recreation Planning Section of the Department of Natural Resources recently held its annual Recreation Intern Orientation Day in Atlanta. The main objective of the program was to familiarize the interns with the functions of the Recreation Planning Section.

The interns were selected from colleges and universities throughout the state which have recreation curriculums. City and county recreation departments were also contacted and encouraged to send their interns to the session. Participants came from city and county departments, correctional institutions, hospital and other therapeutic facilities, the state parks system, Area Planning and Development Commissions, and other state and federal governmental agencies. Many intern supervisors from the various schools and agencies also attended the day-long program.

In addition to the Recreation Planning Section staff headed by James Oates, other speakers included Thad L. Studstill, Regional Director of the National Recreation and Park Association; and George F. Harris Jr., president of the Georgia Recreation and Park Society, Inc. The total attendance for this year's Orientation Day was nearly seventy.

NEW PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

The Recreation Planning Section has recently completed a new publication entitled, "Establishing A Summer Recreation Program". This publication is designed to assist local communities who are without the services of a full-time parks and recreation department. Copies may be obtained upon request by writing to: Recreation Planning Section, Room 703-B, 270 Washington Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334. Phone: (404) 656-2790.

RECENT PERSONNEL ACTION

New Appointments

Brunswick Parks and Recreation Dept.:
William Crosby-Center Director
A. C. Clark-Building Supervisor
Theresa Adams-Girls Activity Director
Otheler Speakman-Boys Activity Director
Milton Kitchen-Janitor

Chatsworth/Murray Co. Recreation Dept.:
Lamar Henry-Director of Recreation

Clayton Co. Parks and Recreation Dept.:
Angelika Dukes-Special Events and Publicity Coordinator
Sharon Plunkett-Area Director
James Thomas-Parks Patrol Officer

Cobb Co. Parks and Recreation Dept.:
Nick Pratt-Park Ranger

Jefferson Co. Recreation Dept.:
Tom Browne-Director of Recreation

Kennesaw Recreation Dept.:
Cindy Royston-Special Events Supervisor

Promotions and New Assignments

Clayton Co. Parks and Recreation Dept.:
Susan Coxwell-Recreation Coordinator
Bruce Cabot-Recreation Coordinator
Vann Saltz-Recreation Coordinator

Cobb Co. Parks and Recreation Dept.:
Leyman Williams-Recreation Leader
Donna Oxford-Special Events Director
Richard Clarke-Community Director II

HODGES ASSUMES NEW POSITION

The Parks and Historic Sites Division has announced that Larry Hodges, Planner for the Recreation Planning Section, will assume the position of Planner with the Parks and Historic Sites Division's Recreation and Interpretive Programming Section. He will be working with Lonice Barrett who is Chief of the Recreation and Interpretive Programming Section.

In the position of Planner for the Recreation and Interpretive Programming Section, Hodges will be responsible for Environmental Reviews, Recreation Program Coordination, and the development of manuals and park information documents.

The Department of Natural Resources is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and employs without regard to race or color, sex, religion, or national origin.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA LIBRARIES
3 2108 04554 0716

GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES GRANT PROGRAM

All small arts organizations are advised to contact the Georgia Council for the Arts (225 Peachtree St., N. E., Suite 1610, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303; or telephone (404) 656-3990) for revised guidelines for applying for funds for programs occurring after November 1, 1976 and March 1, 1977. Small arts organizations are defined as those which have a budget not exceeding $50,000 annually for two years.

Applications by such organizations may be made for a single project or a series. However, funding is primarily for new or expanding programs, especially those of an innovative nature. The maximum amount which can be applied for under this program is $8,000, and the applicant organization can generally request up to 50% of the total project cost. In most cases, a matching amount of both cash and inkind contributions is to be guaranteed by the sponsoring agency. At least one half of this matching amount must be in cash. Deadlines for applications to take place between July 1, 1976 and June 30, 1977 are as follows: June 1, 1976 for projects occurring after November 1, 1976; and November 1, 1976 for projects occurring after March 1, 1977.

SCORP SUPPLY INVENTORY UNDERWAY

On April 1, 1976, the wheels were put into motion and the inventory of all of Georgia's public and private recreation resources and facilities began. This inventory is part of the major update of the Georgia State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP). The new plan is due to be out in late 1977 and will provide basic data and information on the state and its recreation opportunities.

The supply data is being collected through a joint effort between the Recreation Planning Sections Outdoor Unit and the 18 Area Planning and Development Commissions (APDC). A series of training workshops were held in March to train the APDC in supply collection technique. A Supply Inventory Manual has been produced which describes the techniques to be used and how the inventory forms should be completed. The inventory is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 1976.

Published Bi-Monthly by:
Department of Natural Resources
Office of Planning and Research
Recreation Planning Section
270 Washington Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30334
Telephone: (404) 656-2790

No. Copies - 2,000 **Approx. Cost - $346.00**